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The Coral is Here!

Our new coral installation was finally completed yesterday, giving visitors a glimpse of unique, beautiful animals living in deep, cold waters of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.



Special Coral Training on June 10

Want to know more about our new exhibit and learn a lot of cool coral facts to share with visitors? You are invited to a pizza social and special coral presentation with researchers Ed Bowlby and Mary Sue Brancato, beginning at 6:00 on Wednesday June 10. If

you want to join us, please call or send an email so we'll know how much pizza to order. We could also use salads and desserts to go with the meal. This is a very important training for all volunteers working in the Olympic Coast Discovery Center. I hope you will plan to attend.

OCDC needs YOU

The Olympic Coast Discovery Center is now open 10:00 to 5:00 daily through Labor Day. That means we need volunteer docents 49 hours a week all summer. Please take a look at your calendar and try to find a few hours each week to help out. Sign up sheets will be available at the training on June 10, or you can call the office (457-6622 ext 31) or send me an email

(janet.lamont@noaa.gov) to sign up for a shift. This year we requested two days on the RV Tatoosh as a thank you for volunteers who contribute the most hours in the OCDC during the summer.

Fish on the Fence



Have you heard about this creative fund raiser for Feiro Marine Life Center? Have you painted a fish yet? The goal is for community members to paint 20,000 herring, rockfish, and salmon to decorate the fence around the Landing Mall. The official kick-off for this project is Friday, June 5 from 6 to 9:00 p.m., but meanwhile you can paint a fish at the pottery studio at 713 East First Street in Port Angeles. Check out this link for more information.

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do" attitude and enthusiasm, offering to take on the task of cancelling unwanted catalogs sent to OCNMS staff, and jumping in to work in the OCDC even before training was officially completed. Thanks also to **Bruce Ferguson, Becky Jewell, Rose Forbes, Jim Lamont, Mary Canaan, and Veronica and Art Ayres** for volunteering in the Discovery Center this week.

OCDC 5th Anniversary

The Olympic Coast Discovery Center will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Thursday, July 9 with the official opening of our new exhibits and other special events in the Landing Mall. The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

Spotlight on Volunteers

Congratulations to **Jim Jewell**, OCNMS Volunteer of the Year. Jim declined a trip to Washington, D.C. to be honored at National Marine Sanctuary headquarters, but he is still a candidate for recognition as the national Volunteer of the Year. Thanks to **Genie Devine** for her tremendous help with more than 800 fourth and fifth students visiting the Feiro Marine Life Center and OCDC this spring. Kudos to **Jim Fedderly** for his "can-



Volunteer Jim Jewell at Salt Creek